

### **REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claims 91, 98, 102 and 104 and leaves claims 88-90, 92-97, 99-101, 103 and 105-107 unchanged. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 88-107.

The present Amendment is being presented so as to clarify the description of the present invention in claims 91, 98, 102 and 104. Particularly, for example, amendments were made to claims 91 and 102 so as to clarify that correspondence is indicated between the plurality of shared disks and a plurality of identifiers not a single shared disk and the identifiers. Amendments were made to claim 98 to cause the claim to effect the same language as that of claims 91 and 102, and amendments were made to claim 104 to clarify that the request controller receives the disk request from the processor and the disk request is intended for accessing a disk.

The above described amendments being made to the claims are necessary in that they clarify the description of the present invention as disclosed in the specification. These amendments do not change the scope of the claims nor require further consideration and/or search on the part of the Examiner. The amendments simply improve the language therein so that the public is clear as to the meets and bounds of the invention.

Therefore, based on the above, entry of the present Amendment is respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,



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